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1. POST IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SENDING REPRESENTATIVE TO 1977 CONSULAR CONFERENCE.
2. IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE REFERENCE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:
 - A. STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO INSURE PROPER NIV DOCUMENTATION FOR J AND F VISAS WHEN SPONSORSHIP INVOLVES UNITED NATIONS OR SEMI-PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT FORWARDING DSP-66 OR I-20 FORMS IN TIME FOR THE APPLICANT TO ARRIVE FOR UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION. IN MANY CASES THE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS POST ISSUE B-1/2 VISA TO GET QUALIFIED APPLICANT TO U.S. THEN ADJUST NIV STATUS. UNTIL RECENTLY USAID WAS ALSO CULPABLE IN THIS REGARD, BUT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN WASHINGTON TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM AND WE HOPE SIMILAR MEASURES COULD BE APPLIED WITH UN ORGANIZATIONS.
 - B. POST HAS HAD GROWING NUMBER OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES WHO APPROACH USG FOR INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, ETC. ALTHOUGH UNHCR AND UNDP ARE GENERAL REPOSITORIES FOR SUCH

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INQUIRIES, A NUMBER OF FRUSTRATED APPLICANTS COME TO US AS WELL. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DETAILED INFORMATION ON PRIVATE U.S. PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE AND AN UPDATE OF USG POLICIES CONCERNING THESE REFUGEES.

C. POST IS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING ACCURATE LISTS OF AMERICANS RESIDENT IN TANZANIA, WHICH INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL IN

CASE OF EMERGENCIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IDEAS ON HOW TO MAINTAIN MORE ACCURATE FILES IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY WHERE INTERNAL MAIL SHORTCOMINGS AND NEARLY INACCESSABLE LOCATIONS CREATE DIFFICULT COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS.

D. IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEIGHBORING POSTS (SOME OF WHICH ALREADY HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS) WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE REGULAR ISSUANCES OF NATIONAL TRAVEL STREPS AND VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO HANDLE GROWING NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM AMCITS SEEKING INFORMATION ON VISITING PARTICULAR COUNTRIES. THIS PROBLEM IS PARTICULARLY ACUTE AND WILL LIKELY BECOME MORE SO IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH ONGOING DISPUTES SUCH AS TANZANIA/KENYA.
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